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SUBJECT: NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ON  
STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF WOOD

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1. BASED ON CAREFUL REVIEW OF REF DOC AND DISCUSSION WITH  
US MEMBER OF ORGANIZING GROUP PROF. COTE BY STAFF OF  
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY POLICY OFFICE, NSF, THE US APPROVES  
HOLDING SUBJECT CONFERENCE. IT IS FURTHERMORE RECOMMENDED  
THAT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS BE CONSIDERED BY THE  
ORGANIZING GROUP AND THE NATO SECRETARIAT:

(A) THE OBJECTIVES AND CHARACTER OF THIS CONFERENCE ON  
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"MATERIALS SCIENCE" AND WOOD FIT WELL INTO THE SCOPE OF

THE MAJOR STUDY ON THE BROADER TOPIC OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES FOR INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS (CORRIM) CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS THROUGH THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY OFFICE. THIS STUDY WILL BE CONCLUDED IN SPRING 1976.

(B) CO-OPERATION, INFORMAL OR FORMAL, BETWEEN THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND THE CORRIM GROUP WOULD STRENGTHEN

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMING.

(C) HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN FALL 1975, WOULD ENHANCE THE IMPACT OF THE MEETING SINCE THE PAPERS AND DISCUSSIONS WOULD THEN BE AVAILABLE AS AN INPUT TO THE REPORT DRAFTING STAGE OF THE CORRIM PANEL II: FOREST AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS USED PRIMARILY FOR ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS.

(D) THE PRESENT PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR THE CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON APPLYING THE CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES OF MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TO IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE AND RELIABILITY OF WOOD STRUCTURES AS PRESENTLY PRODUCED. WHILE THIS AREA DOES POTENTIALLY OFFER THE MOST IMMEDIATE REWARD, IT IS ALSO DESIRABLE TO DEVOTE AT LEAST ONE SESSION OF THE MEETING TO EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING MORE OPTIMUM STRUCTURES IN THE GROWING TREE THROUGH APPROPRIATE USE OF GENETICS AND BREEDING.

(E) PROFESSOR COTE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH DEAN JAMES BETHEL, THE CHAIRMAN OF CORRIM, AND COULD EFFECT THE NECESSARY CO-OPERATION THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH HIM.

2. THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE NATO SECRETARIAT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIATS AS THE CONFERENCE PLAN IS DEVELOPED. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO CONTACT OECD SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY DIRECTORATE SINCE OECD PLANS TO

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CARRY OUT CASE STUDY ON WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS AS ONE OF TWO INITIAL STUDIES TO PROVIDE AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF MATERIALS SYSTEM. INGERSOLL

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